

Freshmen Class Breaks Records; Excellent Potential Shows Through

By Ann Wilson

History is in the making with the class of 1969. This freshman class has already broken longstanding records, and from the spunk they exhibited during Orientation, many more will soon fall.

From one to one-hundred eighty-five, each is bubbling over with brains, beauty, and much potential. Yes, the freshman class has arrived! As the largest class ever to walk through the archway, it represents 19 states from Hawaii to Massachusetts to Florida, plus the District of Columbia — and is spread over Salem's three largest dorms.

Not only does the class of 1969 make history by being the largest class, but it also makes history by being the first class to have a greater percentage of out-of-state girls. In fact 52% are "foreigners" and only 48% are native daughters.

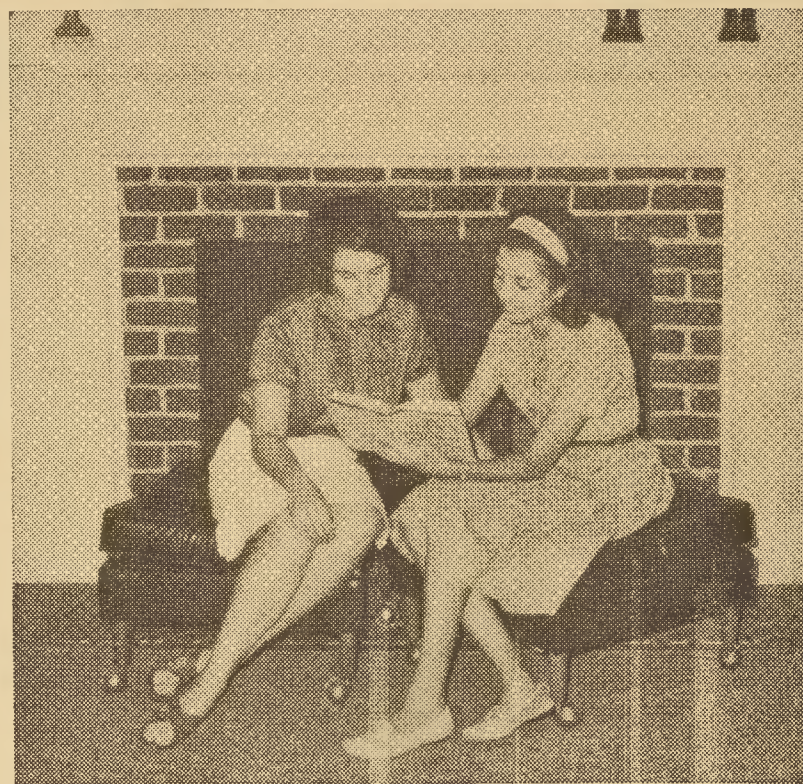
To illustrate the history making brains, one must only glance at the statistics. Of the 84 different public schools represented, 92% of the girls enrolled ranked in the upper fourth or higher in their class. And 68% of the girls coming from the 22 private schools ranked in the upper fourth or higher in their class. The Admissions Office reports that this class seems to be the best prepared from

the standpoint of preparatory courses taken than any previous class; and their average SAT scores total well over 1000.

Beauty, however, cannot be pointed out by statistics—but one look at the class will only prove that it is quite attractive. However, the best proof is the reaction of an overwhelmed Wake Forest freshman, "WOW!"

Potential is usually difficult to illustrate—but not for this class, for these girls already have one achievement as a class which no other group can match—they were organized the first week of school. In no less than two days they prepared a song and a gift to present to the Orientation Committee for its help in introducing them to Salem.

But the history book does not close here, because it is easy to see that this class will contribute much more to Salem and the community.



Petronelly (Nelly) Steenbakkers and Moira de la Rosa, left to right, look over a text book they'll be using this year at Salem.

Gramley Dorm Impresses All By Plush Furnishings

By Mary Ellen Lane

"The Gramley Hilton," "The Palace," and "The Hotel" are all affectionate names for the newest dormitory at Salem. Gramley was completed in August and opened its doors to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors this fall. It is named for Dr. Dale H. Gramley, our President.

The housemother of Gramley is Mrs. Herndon. She is originally from Elberton, Ga., but now her permanent home is in Davidson. Mrs. Herndon worked previously at the University of Miami, but came here because she likes a small girls' school. "I like the atmosphere here," she said, "and am especially impressed with the student body and the strong student government and honor system." When asked about Gramley, she replied that it is a dream and a very lovely place to be. "It has everything in the way of convenience—two lounges, a good intercom, handsome furniture, and a balcony and terrace. The carpeting helps make it less noisy."

One of the most attractive rooms belongs to Dianne Dove of Charlotte and Brownie Ballard from Florida. It was decorated by Brownie's mother, a prominent interior decorator. A blue room, it has a green rug, and green, yellow and blue spreads in a pastel flower print. It contains the same early

American furniture as do all the Gramley rooms.

Reen Harris, a freshman from Chapel Hill, has a room on the balcony with a view of the athletic field. But there is a small drawback—"It's a 'fur piece from all my classes," says Reen.

An anonymous sophomore from Florida candidly discussed the problems of rooming in Gramley. "There's no full length mirror for one thing. Also, if you go anywhere like the language lab after dark you have to have a dress on since the only way out is through the reception room. The room is perfect, though. We have the balcony on both sides. The study rooms are wonderful — there are four with smoking in only three.

Of the third floor rooms, Judy Campbell and Shelley Laws have the most unusual. It has 2 windows, 2 closets and lots of space. We're very glad not to have postage stamp closets like we had in Strong," says Judy "and it's nice to be over here with our class. I do wish we had ice machines, though."

Aside from its general inaccessibility, the consensus is that Gramley is a wonderful place to be. And, by the way, it doesn't really have room service.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Try-outs for the Pierrettes' production of Anton Chekhov's **The Three Sisters** will be held Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Drama Workshop. Copies of the play have been placed on reserve in the library. Sophomore, juniors, and seniors are eligible to try-out for acting roles. Freshmen are urged to participate on various technical committees.

There will be a production meeting Tuesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Drama Workshop for all freshmen who signed up at the Club Carnival and for all others interested in working with the fall production!

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The "Y" opens its new program year on Tuesday, September 28 when Parks Todd, minister of Brooktown Methodist Church and well-known Winston-Salem folk singer, will entertain at the first coffee house. Coffee and cookies will be served. See you at 6:30 p.m. outside—behind Main Hall or in the Club Dining Room in case of rain. Don't miss the treat.

- Assembly -

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Sophomores

- Carolyn Billings
- Mary Alice DeLuca
- Betsy Dubose
- Nancy Lineberger
- Carol Quick
- Carolyn Rich
- Jean Sawyer
- Laurie Williams

After greetings from Mr. Frank F. Willingham, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. R. Bruce White, Jr., President of Alumnae Association, Mary Dameron extended special greetings from Student Government. Mary challenged this year's student body with the possibility for great improvements in communication among students, faculty, and administration and with the task of instilling that old Salem spirit in our new buildings and our new students.

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